



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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At its meeting held September 16, 2003, the Board took the following action:

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Larry L. Waldie, Assistant Sheriff, Commander Peter G. Amico, Chief Michael E. Soderberg, Sheriff's Department and Janet Moore, Head Deputy for the Hard Core Gang Division of the District Attorney's office made a verbal presentation related to the trend of increased homicides in the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County, including gang-related homicides and the effectiveness of gang injunctions, and responded to questions posed by the Board members.

The following statement was entered into the record for Supervisors Antonovich and Burke:

"The COPS program is the centerpiece of the Sheriff's community-based policing program. Until recently, the COPS program was largely funded by Federal grants. The shrinking of Federal grants has resulted in the Sheriff's Department gradually eliminating 178 COPS deputies in Fiscal Year 2002-03 and 81 COPS deputies in Fiscal Year 2003-04, leaving only 18 presently on the program. While the COPS program is a highly effective program, the Sheriff's Department does not currently have the resources to reallocate COPS deputies to the program.

"A recent report by the Sheriff's Department has heightened the concern over the recent increase in homicide rates. We believe an increased number of COPS deputies could have a positive impact on reducing these crime rates in the unincorporated areas, particularly in the areas of gang and narcotics-related crimes. The Sheriff's Department has studied the distinct trends and areas of drastically increased crimes and would utilize a regionalized concept of deployment of COPS deputies which would enable them to flood existing high crime areas in addition to monitoring and deploying to other areas as crime trends shift."

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Therefore, Supervisor Antonovich made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Burke, that the Board take the following actions:

1. Approve a one-time allocation of \$3,451,333 from the Appropriation for Contingencies fund to the Sheriff's Department for purposes of allocating 40 deputies, 5 sergeants, and 1 lieutenant to the COPS program through the end of Fiscal Year 2003-04;
2. Request the Sheriff to aggressively seek out grants to assist in expanding and/or maintaining the COPS program; and
3. Request the Sheriff to provide monthly reports to the Board on homicide statistics by Sheriff's station, separating occurrences by incorporated and unincorporated areas, and any other tools of measurement of effectiveness of the COPS program.

After discussion, due to the lack of four-votes required, said motion failed to carry by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Supervisors Knabe, Antonovich and Burke; Noes: Supervisors Molina and Yaroslavsky.

Octavio Chavez addressed the Board.

After further discussion, the Chief Administrative Officer was instructed to work with the Sheriff to review the entire Sheriff Department's budget to determine if a funding source can be identified in the amount of \$3,451,333 to finance the COPS program through the end of Fiscal Year 2003-04; and requested the Sheriff to provide a report to the Board that defines the statistical data used to describe various crimes, i.e., identifying a crime as a homicide or an assault. (NOTE: Instruction relating to the funding source was addressed under Item No. 53)

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(ALSO SEE NO. 53 THIS DATE)